

Remarks

In the decision mailed November 18, 2009, the BPAI affirmed the rejections in the final office action. Appellants file this amendment to place the application in condition for allowance based on the allowed subject matter.

In the final office action, the examiner indicated that claims 2-7, 9-17, 19-24, and 26-30 were allowed. Based on this allowed subject matter, Appellants amend the claims as follows:

- (1) Independent claim 1 is amended to include the recitations of allowed dependent claim 2, and claim 2 is canceled;
- (2) Allowed dependent claim 5 is placed in independent form;
- (3) Independent claim 18 is amended to include the recitations of allowed dependent claim 19, and claim 19 is canceled;
- (4) Allowed dependent claim 22 is placed in independent form;
- (5) Claims 8 – 13 and 25 – 30 are canceled.

In view of the above, Appellants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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